

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: HOJO, Hisakazu et al.

Group Art Unit: 1761

Serial No.: 10/046,277

Examiner: Helen F Pratt

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INORGANIC PARTICLES-CONTAINING ADDITIVE COMPOSITION, For. MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF AND FOOD COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE ADDITIVE COMPOSITION

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 18, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2004 for three months, from May 18, 2004 to August 18, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a small entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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